

Marked-Up Version of Amended Claims:

1 4. (Once Amended) A commerce management method as in claim [3] 1, wherein the  
2 retrieving step (b) comprises automatically retrieving information from previously identified  
3 remotely connected locations.

1 9. (Once Amended) A commerce management method as in claim [7] 1, wherein the step  
2 (d) of notifying the parties, notifies parties that the contract has failed when a response to a  
3 condition indicates said condition cannot be satisfied.

1 10. (Once Amended) A commerce management method as in claim [7] 1, wherein the step  
2 (d) of notifying the parties, notifies parties that the contract is determinate when identified  
3 satisfying responses have been received for each said condition.

1 13. (Once Amended) A commerce management system as in claim 12, further comprising:  
2 an automatic mailer [selectively sending reminders to parties identified in said  
3 database and] notifying contracting parties when a corresponding agreement is  
4 determinate.

1 15. (Once Amended) A commerce management system as in claim [14] 13 wherein said  
2 automatic mailer sends electronic mail (e-mail) to parties identified by an e-mail address.

1 21. (Once Amended) A commerce management method as in claim 4, wherein said retrieved  
2 information includes at least one of: consumer's price index (CPI), prime lending rate  
3 (Prime), [a web loan application status,] a mortgage rate, a currency exchange rate, a bond  
4 interest rate, a raw material price, a weather forecast, auction results, election results, and  
5 ballot proposition results.

1 22. (Once Amended) A commerce management system as in claim 12, wherein said  
2 condition response information includes at least one of: consumer's price index (CPI), prime  
3 lending rate (Prime), [a web loan application status,] a mortgage rate, a currency exchange  
4 rate, a bond interest rate, a raw material price, a weather forecast, auction results, election  
5 results, and ballot proposition results.